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Applicant

EBAY, INC.

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1. The applicant is hereby notified that this International Preliminary Examining Authority transmits herewith the international preliminary examination report and its annexes, if any, established on the international application.
2. A copy of the report and its annexes, if any, is being transmitted to the International Bureau for communication to all the elected Offices.
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC IPC(7): G06F 1300, 17/30 and US Cl.: 705/27; 707/10; 709/219		
Applicant EBAY, INC.		

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

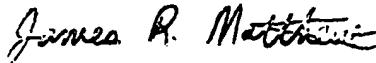
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets.

This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority. (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of 0 sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I Basis of the report
- II Priority
- III Non-establishment of report with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability
- IV Lack of unity of invention
- V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI Certain documents cited
- VII Certain defects in the international application
- VIII Certain observations on the international application

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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:^{*} the international application as originally filed the description:pages 1-17pages NONEpages NONE

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2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item. These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language _____ which is:

 the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)). the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)). the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international

 contained in the international application in printed form. filed together with the international application in computer readable form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form. The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished. The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of: the description, pages NONE the claims, Nos. NONE the drawings, sheets/fig NONE5. This report has been drawn as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).^{**}^{*} Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).^{**} Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. statement

Novelty (N)	Claims 1-17	YES
	Claims NONE	NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims NONE	YES
	Claims 1-17	NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims 1-17	YES
	Claims NONE	NO

2. citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

1. Claims 1-17 lack an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3) as being obvious over Sheridan.

Sheridan discloses a method of distributing images over the Internet comprising:

- a) harvesting images of different formats from a plurality of sites based on user-supplied information (see col 4, lines 42-47, col 9, lines 54-57, col 11, lines 23-36),
- b) creating thumbnail images corresponding to the harvested images (see col 5, lines 35-41),
- c) combining thumbnail images onto a page for presentation at a remote site (see col 5, lines 19-35).

Sheridan does not teach compiling the thumbnail images onto a web page. The use of web pages for allowing access of information over the Internet is well-known in the art. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to compiling and indexing one or more set of thumbnail images onto a web page for presentation at a remote site because it would have enabled a remote user to access the selected images using a conventional web browser.

----- NEW CITATIONS -----

US 5,760,917 A (SHERIDAN) 02 June 1998, see cols 1-10.

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